EXHIBIT F

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

MDL NO. 2492

Master Docket No. 13-cv-09116

IN RE: NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION STUDENT-ATHLETE CONCUSSION LITIGATION

Judge John Z. Lee

Magistrate Judge Geraldine Soat Brown

DECLARATION OF SHAVAUGHNE DESECKI

- I, Shavaughne Desecki, under oath, declare as follows:
- 1. I am a former student-athlete and graduated from DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois in 2003. I played softball at DePaul. I am currently a volunteer assistant softball coach at Concordia University in River Forest, Illinois. I am not related to any of the lawyers currently representing the parties in this matter. I have not been promised any compensation for my participation in this matter. I have full knowledge of the matters stated herein and could and would testify hereto if necessary.
- 2. I received and reviewed the Amended Settlement Agreement in this matter. I was asked to review the Settlement Agreement on behalf of current and former NCAA student-athletes who have played non-contact sports. In reviewing the Settlement Agreement, I was particularly looking at it through the lens of a former player and also as a coach of current NCAA student-athletes to determine whether it is fair to both former and current players.
- 3. I think it is important that although the NCAA is not a multi-billion dollar organization, that they take the measures in the Settlement to provide medical screening to athletes who think that they may be suffering from concussion symptoms.

- 4. It is also important to me that the Settlement extend to all sports and it should not be just a football specific Settlement. During my career, I never personally suffered a concussion, but witnessed others sustain concussions as a result of accidents during the course of play on the softball field. Therefore, I know from first-hand experience that concussions can and do occur in softball albeit less frequently than in football.
- 5. During my career, I never received baseline testing and there were no concussion management rules in place despite the fact that concussions did occur. Therefore, as a current coach, it is important to me that modernized guidelines are in effect for players in all sports.
- 6. For former student athletes who suffered effects from concussions, I believe that all former student-athletes should have access to the Medical Monitoring Program regardless of the sport they played. I know that there may be former student-athletes out there that may be unknowingly struggling with concussion effects and need a place to turn to obtain monitoring. While I did not personally sustain a concussion (to my knowledge), it gives me comfort to know that if I have symptoms that manifest, I will be eligible to obtain medical monitoring despite the fact that my playing career ended years ago.
- 7. I understand that the Settlement provides for trained personnel to be present at contact sports events but not at non-contact sports events. However, I understand the great expense that would come with requiring that medical personnel be present at every single NCAA sporting event due to the sheer volume of events.
- 8. As a current volunteer assistant NCAA softball coach, it is important that the Settlement requires that coaches, athletic trainers, and student-athletes receive mandatory concussion education prior to the start of the season alleviates this concern. The coaches are present with the student-athletes most often and it is important that we be able to recognize

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symptoms of concussions and refer the student-athlete to a trainer or physician after an injury is

sustained in our presence. Also, I am aware that despite the fact that medical personnel will not

be present at every softball game, that student-athletes will still have to be cleared by a physician

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Date: December 12, 2014

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